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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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--This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/US00/22655, filed August 18, 2000, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on February 22, 2001 in English; and which claims benefit of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/149,552 filed on August 18, 1999.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the following Abstract.

-- A keyboard layout and a method of data entry utilizing the keyboard layout is provided. In one form, the present invention is a data entry device having a plurality of user selectable keys wherein the keys are arranged about a central point or key such that each key is at a minimum